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NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

THEATRE ROYAL,  
CITY-HALL, HONGKONG.THE ZARZUELA SPANISH OPERA  
COMPANY.TO-MORROW (TUESDAY) EVENING,  
the 13th January, 1886.FIRST SUBSCRIPTION-NIGHT OF  
TWELVE PERFORMANCES.PRICES OF ADMISSION—  
Dress Circle or Stalls, Front Seats—\$2.  
Single Ticket for 12 nights—\$20.  
Dress Circle or Stalls, Front Seats—\$5.  
Family Ticketholders for 12 nights—\$50.  
Dress Circle or Stalls, Front Seats, Night \$2.  
Back Seats—\$1.Seats can be booked at Messrs. KELLY AND  
WALSH, LIMITED.For further Particulars see Programme.  
Hongkong, 11th January, 1886. [137]THEATRE ROYAL,  
CITY-HALL.SATURDAY,  
the 16th January, 1886.

THE SNO W DROPS\*

beg to announce that

THIRD GRAND THEATRICAL DRAWING-  
ROOM ENTERTAINMENT,

COMMENCING AT 8 P.M.

Tickets may be obtained and Seats secured at  
Messrs. KELLY & WALSH'S on and after  
WEDNESDAY, the 13th inst.PRICES OF ADMISSION.  
Stalls and Dress Circle—\$2.00.  
Back Seats—\$1.00.N.B.—The Proceeds of this Entertainment  
will be devoted to Local Charity.  
Hongkong, 11th January, 1886. [138]HONGKONG CANTON, AND MACAO  
STEAMBOAT COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

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## THE CHRONICLE AND DIRECTORY

FOR 1886.

With which is incorporated

## THE CHINA DIRECTORY.

(TWENTY-FOURTH ANNUAL ISSUE).

ROYAL OCEANO, Vol. 1, 132, with plans \$5.00.

SMALLER EDITION, pp. 752, \$3.00.

THE CHRONICLE AND DIRECTORY

has been thoroughly revised and brought up to date, and is again much increased in bulk.

The Description of the Statistical

Associations and Directories for

HONGKONG.—Y. YADIVOSTOK.

Do. Doyles' Directory JAPAN.—

Do. Military Forces Nippon.

Do. Chinese Hongk. Kobe (Higo):

MACAO: Okinawa.

CHINA—Tokio.

Paris: Yokohama.

London: Nagasaki.

Canton: Manila.

Savoy: Cebu.

Amoy: Iloilo.

Takao: Manila.

Taiwan: Sasebo.

Tamsui: Takao.

Kemantung: North Borneo.

Coates' CHINA—Sarawak.

Siemreap: Cambodia.

Chittagong: Chittagong.

Wukia: Huay.

Kuklung: Thonane.

Hankow: Quinhon.

Lahung: Tonquin.

Chinkiang: Hanoi.

Toku: Bangkok.

Tientan: Straits Settlements.

Peking: Singapore.

Poit: Arthur: Singapore.

Nanchang: Malacca.

CORSA: Penang.

Seoul: Malaya States.

Johore: Kuala Lumpur.

Fuzhou: Sungai Ujong.

Kuching: Selangor.

PORT HAMILTON: Park.

NAVAL SQUADRONS:

British: French.

Ships—Officers of the Coast: &amp; Co.

P. &amp; O. S. N. Co.: China: Japan: &amp; Co.

Macao: Macao: Siam: &amp; Co.

Japan: M. S. S. Co.: H. C. &amp; M. B. Co.

Ladak-China: S. N. Co.: Scottish Oriental: S. C. Co.

Dinghia: S. S. Co.: Malabar: Indian Coast.

China: M. S. N. Co.: Steamers.

The LIST OF RESIDENTS now contains

the names of TWELVE THOUSAND, THREE HUNDRED, AND

EIGHTY SIX FOREIGNERS

arranged under one Alphabet in the strictest

order, the initials as well as the surnames

being alphabetical.

The MAPS and PLANS have been mostly

re-engraved in a superior style and brought up

to date. They now consist of

FLAGS of MERCANTILE HOUSE in CHINA.

CODES of SIGNALS in USE at VICTORIA PEAK.

MAP of THE FAR EAST.

MAP of THE ISLANDS: HONGKONG.

PLAN of THE CITY of CANTON.

PLAN of FOREIGN CONCESSIONS, SHANGHAI.

PLAN of YOKOHAMA.

PLAN of SAIGON.

PLAN of TOWN and ENVIRONS of SINGAPORE.

PLAN of GEORGE TOWN, PENANG.

A notice of the book appears

An Anglo-Chinese Calendar, Measuring of Sun-

rise and Sunset, Mean of Barometer and

Thermometer, Rainfall, Eclipse, Festivals, &amp;c.

A full Chronology of remarkable events since

the advent of foreigners to China and Japan.

A description of the Festivals, Fast, &amp;c.

observed by Chinese. Mahomedans, Parsees,

Jews, &amp;c., with the days on which they fall.

Geographical, Political, &amp;c., &amp;c.

The Hongkong Postal Guide for 1886.

Arrivals and Departures of Ships and Parcel

Post at and from London and Hongkong.

Scales of Commissions and Charges adopted by

the Chambers of Commerce of Hongkong and Shanghai.

Hongkong: Casir, Jiariksha, and Boat Hire.

This issue contains the New Scale of Hongkong STAMP DUTIES, also tables of COLELL-DESS'S not elsewhere published.

The APPENDIX consists of

FOUR HUNDRED PAGES

of closely printed matter, to which reference is

constantly required by residents and those

having commercial or political relations with the

Chinese and their Directors.

The Contents of the Appendix are too many

to enumerate in an Advertisement, but include—

TREATIES WITH CHINA—

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Tientsin, 1858

and all others not abrogated

France, Tientsin, 1853.

Convention, 1860.

Treaty of Tientsin, 1853.

United States, Tientsin, 1883

Additional, 1869.

Peking, 1880.

German, Tientsin, 1881.

Peking, 1880.

Russia, Japan, Spain, Brazil, and Peru.

Treaties with JAPAN—

Great Britain, Netherlands, Corea

Treaties with COREA

Treaties with SIAM

Treaties with ANAM

Treaties with CAMBODIA

Chinese Siamese

Japanese Korean

LEGAL Orders in Council for Government of H. B. M. Subjects in China and Japan, 1865, 1877, 1878, 1881.

Rules of H. B. M. Supreme and other Courts in China and Japan.

Tables of Consular Fees

Code of Civil Procedure, Hongkong

Admiralty Rules

Foreign Jurisdiction Act

Regulations for the Consular Courts of United States and China

Rules of Court of Consuls at Shanghai.

Chancery of the Colony

New Rules of Legislative Council

do. do.

The Treaties between France and China, 1855,

and France and Siam, Additional Articles to

Cholo, Correction, together with many other

items, has not appeared in previous issues.

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BIRMINGHAM ... Messrs. Parker &amp; Co.

SINGAPORE ... Messrs. S. &amp; G. Co.

PEKING ... Messrs. Marwood &amp; Co.

LONDON ... Mr. W. M. Wall, 151, Cannon St.

SAN FRANCISCO ... Mr. L. P. Fisher, 21, Merchants Exchange.

NEW YORK ... Mr. A. Wind, 21, Park Row.

Daily Press Office, January 1886.

## INTIMATION.

## JUST RECEIVED.

HYACINTH BULBS  
OF THE BEST VARIETIES  
BLUE,

## WHITE,

## RED,

## YELLOW,

## LAWN GRASS SEED.

A. S. WATSON & Co.,  
THE HONGKONG DISPENSARY.

Hongkong, 4th January, 1886.

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NOTICE TO CORRESPONDENTS.

Communications on Editorial matters should be addressed to "The Editor," and those on business to "The Manager," and not to individuals by name.

Letters to the Manager should be addressed to him personally, and communications to the Editor, not to the printer.

Advertisements and notices to the Manager should be sent to him personally, and communications to the Editor.

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attacked by a large number of armed Burmese. The party and escort were driven in with a loss of eight ponies and the whole of the kit and rations. The steamer *Tigris*, with a detachment of the 2nd Madras, R.N., has gone to Ava. With the exception of thirty men, the whole brigade is now on duty in small parties patrolling the creeks and rivers.

To-day sixty subversives of the squadron of the 2nd Madras Cavalry, which arrived yesterday, will also be carried down to Ava to be employed in patrolling the river bank. One party of 16 under Major Stinton, Hampshire Regiment, was going down to the same destination. After patrolling the country about eight miles inland they are to be taken across the river to Sagain, where they remain temporarily as garrison.

The column which went out in a south-easterly direction seven days ago returned to Ava. They had only one encounter with rebels. On the 14th a party of 16 of the 2nd Madras were attacked there in a jungle country. Major Walker, D.A.Q.M.G., cut up the bunch by a man who charged out of the jungle at him. The man was subsequently shot by Lieutenant Kewley, R.E. Seven rebels were killed in the encounter and one man of the 2nd M.I.

LONDON, 17th December.

The Macclesfield Chamber of Commerce has passed a resolution urging the annexation of Upper Burma.

INSURANCE IN BRITISH BURMAH.  
MADRAS, 22nd December.

An insurrection has taken place of Burmese numbering about eight hundred under a priest in Pegu and Shwezigon. Some fighting has taken place resulting in loss to the rebels, who are creating mischief, looting and burning villages. A reward of five thousand rupees is offered for the capture of the priest.

THE RAILWAY TO BE EXTENDED TO MANDALAY.

MADRAS, 22nd December.

Steps are being taken to extend the railway to Mandalay.

THE LAW STILL IN MADRAS.

MADRAS, 22nd December.

The law is still here.

THE GOLD MINES AT MYOSSA.

MADRAS, 22nd December.

An extraordinary advance has been taken place in London in the value of the shares of the Myossas mine, due according to the *Mail*, to the development of a trans fissure vein which it is confidently anticipated must continue through the Oregon, Nundydore and Balanghas properties, and so large a mass of rich quartz is available that it may take a century to exhaust the vein. The price of the Myossas mine has advanced from four thousand to six thousand per cent up to last month, when the valuation was one thousand and ninety-six ounces. During the eighteen months the field has aggregated six thousand and ninety-nine ounces. The present month's yield will be at least as great as November's. The reef has been traced to a depth of two hundred and fifty feet. The stone increases in richness with the increase of the depth of the fissure. Mineral reactions have taken place in Oregon at twenty-five fathoms.

The quotation for Indian Consolidated is thirty shillings. There are rumours of negotiations for resuming work on or acquiring big blocks of other companies on the field.

COMMERCIAL INTELLIGENCE.

SATURDAY, 9th January.

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Quotations are—  
Malwa (New) ..... \$340 per picul, alce of 2½ to 3 catties.

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Pata (New) ..... \$574 to 580 per chest.

Bengal ..... 555

Bengal (Old) ..... 520 nom "

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SHARES.

Quotations are—  
Hongkong and Shanghai Bank Shares—175

per cent premium.

Union Insurance Society of Canton, Limited—\$450 per share.

China Traders' Insurance Company's Shares—\$64 per share.

North China Insurance—Tls. 300 per share.

Yangtze River Insurance Association—Tls. 128 per share.

China Insurance Company, Limited—\$170 per share.

On Tai Insurance Company, Limited—Tls. 145 per share.

Canton Insurance Office, Limited—\$80 per share, ex div.

Hongkong Fire Insurance Company's Shares—\$387½ per share.

China Fire Insurance Company's Shares—\$78 per share.

Hongkong and Whampoa Dock Company's Shares—70 per cent prem.

Hongkong, Canton, and Macao Steamboat Co.'s Shares—\$54 premium, sellers.

Iado-China Steam Navigation Co.'s Shares—5 per cent discount.

China and Manlia Steamship Company, Limited—30 per cent discount, nominal.

Douglas Steamship Company, Limited—\$45 per share.

Hongkong, Gas Company's Shares—\$80 per share.

Hongkong Hotel Company's Shares—\$155 per share.

China Sugar Refining Company, Limited—\$86 per share.

China Sugar Refining Company (Debtors)—2½ per cent premium nominal.

Lung Sing, Refining Company, Limited—\$79 per share.

Hongkong Ice Company's Shares—\$165 per share.

Hongkong and China Bakery Company, Limited—\$120 per share.

Perak Tin Mining and Smelting Company—\$80 per share.

Punjab and Central India Siamatian Mining Company, Limited—\$34.

Salangor-Ein-Mining Company—\$10 per share.

Perak Sugar Cultivation Company—Tls. 15 per share.

Hodgkings Rice Manufacturing Company, Limited—\$61 per share.

Hongkong and Macao Glass Manufacturing Co., Limited—Par. nominal.

Chinese Imperial Loan of 1884 A—2 per cent.

Chinese Imperial Loan of 1884 B—5 per cent.

Chinese Imperial Loan of 1884 C—8 per cent.

premium.

HONGKONG TEMPERATURE.

(From Messrs. FAIRFAX & CO'S BUREAU.)

Thermometer—9.4° F.

Thermometer—9.4° P.M.

Thermometer—9.4° (A.M. (Wet bulb))

Thermometer—9.4° (Wet bulb)

Thermometer—Maximum (Wet bulb)

Thermometer—Maximum (over night)

Thermometer—Minimum (over night)

HONGKONG TIDE-TABLE.

1st to 17th JANUARY, 1886.

HIGH WATER. Low Water.

Height. Height.

High Water. High Water.

## EXTRACT.

## QUEER STORY.

"A RECONCILE AT MONTZ CALIF."

One glorious evening—such an evening as is only to be experienced in the Riviera, and perhaps also in one or two places more remote—two gentlemen passed those grand walks of the gardens belonging to the chief gambling saloons of Monte Carlo. They walked arm-in-arm, but no two men could have presented a more striking contrast to each other—one being tall, broad, and young, and the other short, slim, and old.

"You should really allow yourself to be guided by me, George," the latter was saying earnestly. "It may be a painful thing for me to admit it, but I am forced to recall you of that affair of the Buchanan—Dad and 'Mat,' as they are called each other. Remember how earnestly I warned you against those people, whom I distrusted from the first moment I saw them. But you persisted in believing them and in encouraging their friendship. The poor, ill-used, neglected lady won some deep sympathy—with this will as much sarcasm as this good old gentleman (Felix Maiton, solicitor), could employ."

"Your charity was aroused; you attempted to give this innocent and unfortunate lady from her husband's persecution, and the result was—"

"That my benevolent intentions cost me three thousand pounds and considerable humiliation," said George Goodchap, frankly. "But you are quite mistaken in imagining the subject to be painful to me—I consider that I was thoroughly well served, and I can now look back upon the incident with no little satisfaction."

"Satisfaction?" echoed Mr. Maiton, in supreme surprise. "How can you possibly derive satisfaction of a transaction so utterly devoid of credit to every one concerned?"

"In this way," replied George. "I learnt then for the first time how painfully innocent I was. I realised my own excessive vanity—the result of my parson's well-intentioned but ill-advised policy of always keeping me shut up in the country, away from the world, a system which had been foolish enough, no doubt from the force of habit, to continue after their death. The Buchanan affair showed me that this was all wrong; that my education—the education of experience—had been sadly neglected, a very common mistake with parents."

"My dear George," exclaimed Mr. Maiton, with some surprise and a little irony, "you appear to have developed a philosophical turn. Have you taken to reading lately?"

"No," replied George, "I have done better. I have taken to observing. Now I am going to surprise you. After that Buchanan affair occurred, my first feelings of disgust prompted me to rush back into my old retirement; but when I got home I began to reflect—quite a new occupation for me—and I soon concluded that it was a ridiculous thing that a man of my age could not venture into the world for fear of being swindled and betrayed. I saw that all I required was experience. Those considerations led me, then, to the determination of immediately returning to town, where I remained until we started upon this ramble through the Continent last week. But, my dear friend, I must now confess that my time was hardly spent in the manner you would imagine. It is that I needed self-reliance, which I should never have acquired under the kind, but perhaps somewhat mistaken, guardianship which you, looking towards me as a second father, would have insisted upon had you known I was in London. For some months I went the pace; not like a wild boy fresh from school, in a quiet, methodical, and observant fashion of my own. Great heavens, how my interests were in that short time opened! I mixed with what are called fast men; I frequented fast clubs; I gambled; I raved; in fine I did the thing thoroughly, and, thanks to a disposition naturally temperate and evenly balanced, I have acquired my experience with but trifling personal loss."

Presently a crisis in the game was reached. It was Mrs. Buchanan's deal, and George distinctly saw her husband signal to her. She answered with a secret, deprecating look, which received in reply a taunting contradiction of Mr. Buchanan's brow. Then, while her husband drew attention from her by complimenting on the last hand, she gathered the cards in a peculiar manner, deftly, and with apparent carelessness, but with hands which trembled visibly. In spite of himself, and although he knew well what was coming, George pitted her. After the first "blind," four of the players, including Mrs. Buchanan, threw down their cards as worthless, leaving the American, the Austrian, and Mr. Buchanan to contest the pool. George could not see any of the hands, but judging from the determination with which the three gentlemen met and doubled the "rises," he felt that they must all have been unusually well supplied with cards, or else they were "bluffing" most audaciously. Larger and larger grew the pool, until it represented quite a large sum, which would bring the pool to over £3,000. The young man carefully added the necessary money to the pile in the centre of the table, and then said quietly:

"I call you."

Mr. Buchanan laid down his hand—four. The American held four eights.

As Buchanan took possession of the treasure, he could not suppress a smile of得意的 triumph.

"You will excuse me, gentlemen," said Mrs. Buchanan, the saxon parlor of whose face was now rendered still more remarkable by a bright red spot upon each of her cheeks. "I have finished for this evening."

"And now we shall see gambling," whispered Buchanan, with a look which both had smiling and all-manevring.

"I am sorry, sir," replied the lady, simply, and indeed her looks did not belie the statement.

"But it is so early," persisted her husband, "and it is scarcely generous to these gentlemen. Madam, this is a winner."

"Merveilleux himself is too easily nothing to discover, oblige has no laws. Try me."

Mr. Maiton accordingly staked a sovereign upon the colour indicated, and in a few moments he saw it, with pain, raised away by a low-complexioned official with thick curly hair.

"How very well it is here," remarked the old gentleman, naïvely, resuming his hold upon George's arm.

Their conversations at length led them to the hole of this Temple of Minerva, a very small and richly-furnished apartment, in which six persons were seated round a table, engaged in very high play.

"Madam will surely not leave us so soon," remarked Buchanan, with a look which did not fail and all-manevring.

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"Merveilleux himself is too easily nothing to complain off," remarked Mrs. Buchanan, bitterly, with a glance at his winnings.

"Dieu Merci!" exclaimed the Austrian, irritably twisting his mustache. "Madam is surely at liberty to retire if she pleases."

"Perhaps the audience claims some control over madam's movements," remarked the young American, with a steely glance at Buchanan.

"It is not at all, not at all!" said the latter, helpfully. "I merely spoke in the interests of the house. Is it not so, I think?"

At this moment George stepped forward. "If you have no objection, gentlemen," he said, "I should be glad to take Madam's place, as she is retiring."

The offer subjected George to immediate scrutiny, but as, in addition to the fact that he appeared a perfect gentleman, there still remained considerable frankness and guilelessness in his air and address, the players were unanimous in declaring that had no objection to his joining them.

Before taking his place, George, with as much courtesy as politeness, placed a chair for Mrs. Buchanan, who betrayed no intention of leaving the apartment, in fact position which rendered it impossible for her to back into the slide.

"What's the matter?" asked the soldier.

"Do you not see that the dealer is an old friend of ours?" whispered George. "He's slightly altered, but he is no other than Mr. Buchanan. And see—the lady opposite him—the only woman of the party—that, my dear sir, is Mrs. Buchanan."

"Good gracious! it is," said Mr. Maiton, peering through his spectacles in trepidation. "I'm going home."

"Stay," interposed George, seizing the old gentleman's arm and smothering a laugh. "There is no occasion for alarm. They have more reason to run away from us than we have to run away from them. I consider this is a most interesting roulette."

"But I particularly wish not to meet or to be seen by these people," remonstrated Mr. Maiton.

"Nor need you," replied George. "Remember how earnestly I warned you against those people, whom I distrusted from the first moment I saw them. But you persisted in believing them and in encouraging their friendship. The poor, ill-used, neglected lady won some deep sympathy—with this will as much sarcasm as this good old gentleman (Felix Maiton, solicitor), could employ."

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"What can you possibly want with those things?" he asked. "You have splendid sight."

"I always use them at poker," replied George. "The eye, you know, is a most tell-tale feature, and can be disguised with advantage. They will stand me in good stead now. Let us watch the play."

After a few minutes George resumed the whisped conversation.

"Buchanan is winning heavily," he said; "he has kept the roll for six very profitable rounds. This is indeed interesting. Now, you see this wife gets it. She hasn't a fifth part of his self-possession. See how pale she is and how her hands tremble. . . . Buchanan forces the game. Twenty Louis is a big 'blind.' Did you hear that? He calls her Madam; they evidently pass as strangers to each other. There's something very crooked about this."

"Let us go," pleaded Mr. Maiton. "This, I repeat, is most interesting. Besides, I have an idea which may develop itself presently. You see the deal has come back to Buchanan. Now, if I were playing, I should let him draw to either-up-the-cards in that manner. Bob! What is the use of that? Follow cutting them twice; it can make no difference to such an expert as I take Buchanan to be. . . . There you are, he has again. Look at his wife—she becomes more disturbed every moment; she looks ready to die of fear. I'll be sworn that that cruel hand forces her to this. I shouldn't care to be in Buchanan's shoes if that cold-faced young fellow there, who looks like an American, or that brawny Austrian officer, should discover his little game. Mr. Maiton, I just see more of this. You remain here in the shadow while I go closer."

Leaving the disturbed solicitor, George quite unnoticed by the players, who were deeply engrossed in the game, took up an advantageous position by the fireplace, and sufficiently near Mr. Buchanan to enable him to watch that gentleman's every movement. Mr. Buchanan was playing with a freedom which appalled almost recklessness. He allowed no hand to pass him without betting and he forced the game, which was unlimited, by doubling or trebling the "blind," whenever his turn came, and by calling desperately high "rises" when the opportunity occurred. Frequently he lost, but only when the states were less frequently won by him, on which occasions the pool was invariably large. In poker the winner has the pool, and George soon noticed that the池 were much more often with either Buchanan or his wife than with any of the other players. They were in fact the only winners, Buchanan especially having a huge and ever-increasing pile of gold and paper money at his elbow, portions of which George saw him over and anon transcribingly into his pockets.

Presently he came to the end of his tether. He had only sufficient money left to answer George's last rise.

"I am obliged to call you," he said with affected reluctance.

George had laid three queens upon the table in succession. Then he paused and looked up with a smile.

"Four Jacks," cried Buchanan, dashing down his cards, and stretching out his hands for the pool.

"Not so fast," interposed George quietly, at the same time protecting the pool from the greedy hands. "You see I've another queen here, making in all four. The pool, sir, is mine!"

Buchanan fell back in his chair speechless, but the sight of the vast pool being appropriated by George restored his faculties.

"I've been swindled," he shouted, bounding from his chair, "You've cheated me, sir. I demand my money back. How did you come by those queens?"

"Mr. Matthew Buchanan," said George sternly, "be careful what you say, please. If you—excuse that sort of language I shall be compelled to beat your miserable body into a jelly, which I wish to avoid doing in the presence of your wife."

At this moment George took off his glasses, and Mr. Buchanan, instantly recognising him, darted to his husband's side.

"Come away at once," she whispered, seizing his arm; "it's God-damn!"

But it was too late. George Goodchap had crossed the room, and his muscular form barred the way.

Mr. and Mrs. Buchanan, now thoroughly at bay, looked as if an earthquake would have been a blessing.

In a few calm, deliberate words George explained that his own experience of Mr. Buchanan had induced him to watch the play on this occasion, the result being that he immediately discovered that an audacious swindle was going on. His object in joining the game was to turn the tables on this blackie, in which he had happily succeeded, and he was now prepared to return to the losers the money which they had been defrauded.

"And now," he added, turning to the guilty and humiliated couple, "you may—no, the number of those who know you has been considerably added to this evening. That dunder will go on increasing, until not a town in Europe will shelter you. In view of such a future, don't you think that it would be well for you to seek a more honest and less dangerous means of livelihood? The idea is worth your consideration. Think over it. I wish you good-night—"Truly yours. I wish you good-night!"—Truly yours.

It seems to be the proper thing to do here," whispered the old gentleman, fumbling nervously with his purse. "It's entirely against my principles, and, of course, I don't wish to win, but I'll try my luck just as a matter of form. What colour shall I choose?"

"It's purely a question of chance," replied George, smiling; "and, as far as I have been able to discover, chance has no laws. Try me."

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"What the George Goodchap of some months since is to the George Goodchap of to-day," suggested Mr. Maiton with a smile.

"Excellent!" said George, "you couldn't hit upon a better simile. It cost me something to learn poker, a deep knowledge of which I acquired from a certain Army man, the most dangerous and successful player in Europe. Who who could do everything with cards sharp of making them weak. If I were inclined to be a gamblers, poker is the game that would allure me; it has a distinct fascination of its own, and a distinct individuality. To be a successful poker-player, one must have true nerves, the unshaken confidence and the cool judgment combined with less card astuteness than man against man; memory and a knowledge of physiognomy and artfulness. Look at the face of the man who is dealing; it is like a block of stone, it is—the devil!"

Simultaneously with this forcible exclamation, George drew his companion further back into the shade.

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had just vacated, and placed a large roll of money on the table before him.

This considerable influx of fresh capital excited Mr. Buchanan's cupidity to such a pitch that his eyes glinted, and he most determinedly that he had many hours had passed, it should be transferred to his own pockets.

The game proceeded; George, although he affected no ignorance of the ordinary principles of poker, played like a novice—that is to say, he bluffed extravagantly on absurdly low hands—and lost. Mr. Buchanan watched his play and won his money with secret delight, ignorant of the fact that not one of his own movements was lost upon this innocent stranger with the blue eyes.

About half an hour passed without anything remarkable occurring. Small portions of George's heap of money had meanwhile gone to augment those of the Austrian, the American, and Mr. Buchanan. At last George won. He had a pair of queens and a king against a pair of queens and a nine held by the American. When he gathered up the cards with apparent carelessness, and dealt, this pool, which was a small one, and consequently the next deal was his. George leaned upon the table and affected to count his money; in reality he was attentively watching Mr. Buchanan, who collected and shuffled the cards in his own peculiar manner, but with a little more than his usual deliberation.

"Allow me to cut," demanded George, suddenly, but in courteous tones.

"With pleasure," answered Buchanan, laying the pack upon the table, the faintest possible sneer hovering about the corners of his mouth.

"Cut me twice, and then Buchanan dealt.

"Let us go," pleaded George. "I remain here in the shadow. Now I have seen the last emblem of my vanity. The American, the Austrian, and Mr. Buchanan, lying the pack upon the table, the faintest possible sneer hovering about the corners of his mouth.

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